

In the Name of Allah Most Merciful

Assalaamu alaykum

Here are the answers to your questions:

- 1) The later time for Asr is the Hanafi time. The earlier time is for Shafi'ees. If you are a Hanafi you will obviously follow the later time.
- 2) Folding the corner of a Musallaa after namaaz has got no Islamic significance. It should not be done.
- 3) After passing urine pouring water over the private is enough for istinjaa purposes. One does not have to use the hand to rub or clean the private part.
- 4) One should use the soap and shampoo first then make ghusl as normal. Remember in ghusl it is sunnat to pour water over the whole body thrice. so this should be done after using the soap, shampoo, etc.
- 5) The following are some a'maal that will assist a person in the qabr:

Using the miswaak often; reading surah mulk and alif laam meem sajda daily; reading quran in general daily; giving sadaqah; observing the five daily salaah; always making wudhu; reading lots of durood for Rasoolullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam)

- 6) Regarding the issue of taqdeer, this is indeed a delicate matter, but the hadith explained this. Rasoolullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said that Allah will guide one towards the a'maal of Jannat or Jahannum according to the effort a person makes in that direction. Taqdeer means that in the knowledge of Allah, He knows who will go to Jannat of jahannum. We, the servants do not know. Our job is to make the effort and Allah will guide us in the direction we work.

Was-salaam

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